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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5714
AMEMBASSY MADRID
INFO AMEMBASSY RABAT

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FROM RSO

SWAFFORD-GWYN TELCON

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: DEFENSIVE DRIVING TRAINING

1. POST APPRECIATES SY EFFORTS TO PROVIDE DEFENSIVE TRAINING FOR CHAUFFEURS AND BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL. POST AND RSO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT TRAINING SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL RATHER THAN LIMITED TO CHAUFFEURS AS ALL PERSONNEL SPEND MUCH MORE TIME DRIVING THAN BEING DRIVEN. MTT TEAM VISITED ALGIERS IN 1975, AND, WHILE WE APPRECIATED THEIR EFFORTS, LOCAL PROHIBITIONS PREVENTED ANY TRAINING BEYOND MOVIES AND LECTURES.

2. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE TRAINING FOR AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ENCOMPASSING WEAPONS AS WELL AS DRIVING. WE ARE ARMED TO DEFEND OURSELVES SHOULD THE NEED ARISE BUT OUR COLLECTIVE EXPERTISE IS SEVERELY LIMITED. WHILE SOME IDEA OF THE FUNDAMENTALS OF WEAPONS TRAINING CAN BE GLEANED THROUGH LECTURES AND DRY FIRING, IT CAN HARDLY BE CONSIDERED AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO PRACTICE ON A RANGE WITH LIVE
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AMMUNITION.

3. THIS TRAINING CANNOT BE TAKEN IN MOROCCO AS ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PERMIT ITS NATIONALS TO VISIT MOROCCO. ACCORDINGLY, WOULD APPRECIATE MADRID INQUIRING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAINING BEING GIVEN AT TORREJON AFB BY AN SY TRAINING TEAM. WE WOULD SEND OUR

EMPLOYEES TO TORREJON IN THREE OR FOUR SHIFTS TO PREVENT
EMBASSY FROM BEING DENUDED AT ANY ONE TIME AND ASSUME
TRAINING WOULD TAKE ONE OR TWO DAYS PER SHIFT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS OF SY AND EMBASSY MADRID
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